

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-13 are pending in the above-identified application.

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species I (claims 1-7 and 10-13); and

Species II (claims 8-9 and 10-13).

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species II, without traverse. Claims 8-9 and 10-13 are directed to the elected species.

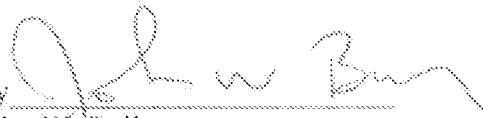
**CONCLUSION**

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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